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In Magnificent Rally in the Harvest Season Farmers of Alberta Sweep Back Forces of Reaction a Little Further---Majorities Overwhelming in Many Ridings

**Gain of Two Seats Brings Number of U. F. A. Members of House of Commons to Record Figure—With
Miss Agnes Macphail, the Members Elected in Accordance With Plan of Democratic
Citizenship Organization Will Total Twelve**

As a result of the Federal general election, held on September 14th, the plan of democratic organization for which the U. F. A. has stood since the organized farmers of this Province decided to enter the field of political action, has won its greatest victory.

EXCEEDS RECORD OF 1921

The U. F. A. will be represented in the next House of Commons by eleven members, one more than the number returned in 1921 and two more than in the last House of Commons. In addition to the eleven U. F. A. members, Miss Agnes Macphail, who was the candidate of the United Farmers of Ontario, (not of the Progressive party), was elected for Southeast Grey. In view of this circumstance it has now become apparent that the members representing the principles of our movement will be the third largest in numbers in the House.

The result in two constituencies in other Provinces than Alberta, is still in doubt, but according to the most recent figures available, there will be seven members of the Progressive party, and eleven members who bear the title "Liberal-Progressive." These last were nominated by both Progressive party and Liberal party conventions, and their exact status does not as yet appear to be quite clear. The Liberal party made substantial gains, but will lack a complete majority over all other groups by a few votes, while the Conservatives lost heavily. Details of the election returns and of the standing of the parties when we go to press, will be found on an inside page of this issue.

The tremendous vote recorded by the farmers

of Alberta for their own representatives was a surprise to both political parties. As in 1925, Alberta formed the chief point of resistance against those forces which seek a return to the party system. The efficiency of the U. F. A. plan of action and the soundness of the principles upon which the Alberta farmers' movement has been founded, were fully demonstrated, while the attempt to organize a third political party upon the plan of the old parties has proved to have been a mistake. Alberta will undoubtedly be the rallying point for the whole Dominion, in future efforts to substitute for party competition the principle of co-operation between organized groups.

THE GAINS IN WETASKIWIN AND ATHABASCA

The U. F. A. gains were in Wetaskiwin, where William Irvine's election will bring added strength and debating ability to the U. F. A. group, and Athabasca, where C. W. Cross (whose election campaign last October brought the constituency undeniable notoriety), was defeated by an overwhelming majority by D. F. Kellner. D. M. Kennedy, in Peace River, already has a large majority over the Conservative who was his chief opponent.

In the two northern constituencies grave irregularities were committed in the election of 1925. Owing to the great distances and to other circumstances peculiar to Northern Alberta, these areas of the Province were, for many years, regarded as the legitimate hunting ground of the most disreputable of party election workers. The electors of Peace River and of Athabasca have now spoken in

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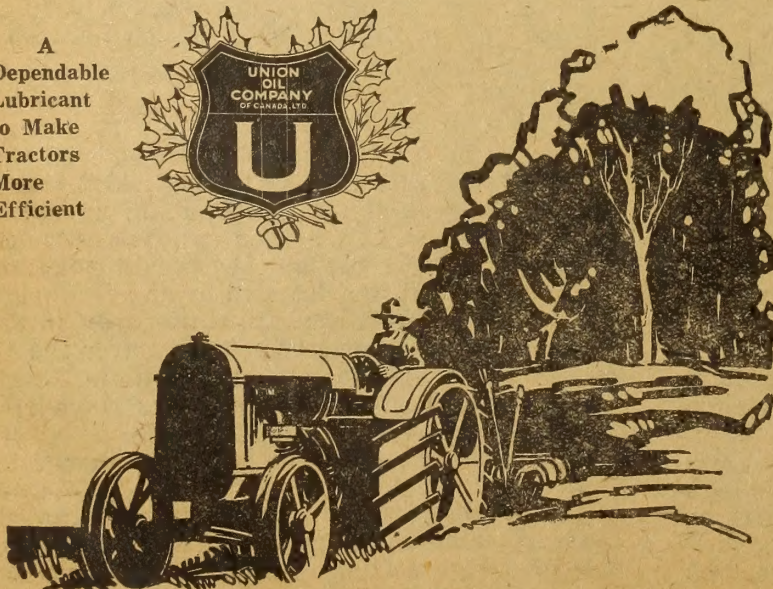
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King Will Have the Largest Group in New Parliament

Conservatives Suffer Heavy Losses—Majority of Members of Progressive Party Become "Liberal-Progressives"

Returns from the 245 Federal constituencies show that in the general election held on September 14th, the Conservatives, who had a strength of 116 in the last House of Commons, suffered the loss of 25 seats, bringing their total numbers down to 91, while the Liberals gained 18 seats, bringing their strength to 119.

The Liberal-Progressives, who received nominations from both Liberal and Progressive party conventions, have 11 seats in the new House, the U. F. A. group 11, the Progressives 7, while Miss Agnes Macphail was elected as a U.F.O. representative for Southeast Grey. The strength of the Labor party is increased from 2 to 3, by the election of H. B. Adshead for East Calgary. J. S. Woodsworth, leader of the party, and Mr. Heaps, the only other representative of Labor in the last House, were re-elected. There will be two Independents in the new House.

It is forecast that the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, will tender his resignation to the Governor-General, Lord Byng, at the end of the present week, and that the resignation will be accepted as soon as Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is in a position to form a new Government.

Tester and Weigher Installed at Plant of Union Milk Coy.

Action Taken by Department of Agriculture on Request of Milk Producers and Dairy Pool

As the result of a request made by the Calgary District Milk Producers' Association, who for some time past have been of the opinion that the installation of an independent weigher and tester, under Government supervision was desirable at the Union Milk Company's plant, Calgary, an officer of the Alberta Department of Agriculture has now been appointed to undertake this work. The weigher and tester was installed on September 13th.

The request of the Calgary Milk Producer's Association was first made by W. A. Hunter, President of the Association, to the Board of the Alberta Dairy Pool, who immediately gave it attention, and the Association and the officers of the Pool then arranged an interview with George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, by whose instructions the arrangements were made.

The weigher and tester installed at the Union Milk Co., is the first to be installed in any milk plant in this Province.

ADDRESSES AT EAGLE HILL

A talk on co-operative marketing by Dr. Skinner of Olds, and an address by N. S. Smith, M.L.A., dealing with the election campaign, were features of a meeting of Eagle Hill Local recently. This Local was organized in July last, with E. Ronneberg and Mrs. O. Arneson as officers.

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EDITORIAL

ALBERTA FARMERS MAKE NEW ADVANCE

For the third time since they decided to carry on their political activities as an organized group of citizens, the Alberta farmers have been put to the test of a Federal general election. They have repeated, in the Federal field, the successes of a few months ago in the Provincial, substantially increasing their representation in the House of Commons. They have stood the test, and proved that the movement of which they have been the pioneers is no flash in the pan, destined to extinction after the passing of the first period of enthusiasm, but a stabilized force.

In the history of farmers' political movements the achievement of the Alberta farmers is without precedent or parallel. Every previous attempt which has been made by the primary producers to find expression of their ideals and aspirations in political organization has been short lived. No political party which has been formed by farmers has survived its second election without heavy losses and without the beginnings of disintegration being apparent. No such party has ever survived its third. That the U. F. A. as an organized group of citizens in control of their own political machinery is today stronger and more virile than upon any occasion in its past history surprises its opponents. Its success is due to the observance of sound principles of organization, never before applied in the development of a farmers' political movement.

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With the exception of Medicine Hat, where the rural area has been heavily depleted by a succession of bad crop seasons, every U. F. A. candidate was

elected by a substantial majority on Tuesday. The returns from the constituencies, though still far from complete, indicate that the farmers responded to the challenge to a harvest time election with undiminished determination to assert their right to control their own affairs in their own way. Alberta is the only Province in which the propaganda of the political parties which seek to divide the farmers' ranks has made no impression, though in other Provinces, in spite of appearances, the plan of citizenship organization is gaining favor, and the U. F. O. has succeeded in electing at least one representative.

The enlarged U. F. A. group will go to Ottawa as a solid unit, independent of any political party whatsoever, but willing and anxious to co-operate as a group with all other groups in the House, in the interests of sound legislation. Numerically the third largest distinctive group in the House, they will constitute, we believe, a powerful force in the councils of the nation.

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Whatever else the result of the election may indicate, the people of Canada have undoubtedly given a mandate for the re-enactment of the program of progressive legislation adopted at the last session of Parliament, through the efforts of the Farmer and Labor members, but lost, for the most part, as a result of the unwarranted dissolution. The new Parliament has been given a mandate to carry still further the principles embodied in the last budget; to pass legislation for the revaluation of soldier settlers' lands; to amend the Grain Act in the interests of the producers; to pass legislation providing for long term farm loans; and to pass an old age pensions bill.

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The proposal has been advanced in the Albertan that the ancient rule, by virtue of which a member of Parliament who accepts a position of emolument under the crown must go back to his constituents for endorsement, shall be abandoned.

While the arguments which have been advanced in favor of the change are forceful, we believe that it would be wise to hesitate before removing safeguards which have been placed in the hands of the electorate.

Care should be taken to preserve the control of the electorate over the members who are chosen to represent them. The need for such care is especially great at a time when our method of political organization is in a state of transition, when the party system has ceased to be supreme, but is still striving

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NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HEAD OFFICE

A Page of Information for Wheat Pool Members and Locals.

WHEAT POOL MEMBERSHIP HAS INCREASED FROM 25,600 WHEN ALBERTA POOL FORMED IN 1923, TO OVER 127,000, FOR THREE POOLS, IN JULY, 1926— BUSHEL HANDLED INCREASED FROM 34,000,000 TO 190,000,000

Recent figures of the membership and business of the Western Canadian Wheat Pools indicate a remarkable growth since they were organized in 1923-24. The Manitoba Pool had 7,600 members in July, 1924, in 1925 13,000, and 17,600 in July, 1926. In Saskatchewan the membership rose from 46,500 in 1924 to 53,000 in 1925 and to over 73,000 in July, 1926. The Alberta Pool started in November, 1923, with a membership of 25,600, rising to 30,700 in December, 1924, and to 36,600 in July, 1926.

FROM 34,000,000 TO 190,000,000 BUSHEL

In the crop year 1923-24, during which the Alberta Pool alone was operating, 34,192,800 bushels of wheat were sold through the Pool. For the crop year 1924-25 the total wheat handled for the three Pools amounted to 81,500,000 bushels. For the 1925-26 crop, returns for which are not yet quite complete, something over 190,000,000 bushels will be handled.

There has also been a remarkable increase in the capacity of elevators, both local and terminal, controlled by the Pools. In 1924 the terminal capacity was 870,000 bushels, in 1925 it was 2,370,000 bushels, while this year with the taking over of the Saskatchewan Co-operative system, the total terminal capacity is 17,450,000.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COUNTRY ELEVATORS

There has been a gradual increase in the number of country elevators operated by the Pools, so that today Manitoba has 30, Alberta 33, while Saskatchewan, with the taking over of the Saskatchewan Co-operative system has 575.

In addition to the Wheat Pool membership, Coarse Grain Pools have been organized in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the former now having 11,720 members and the latter 35,700 members.

Saving by Western Shipment More Than Covered the Pool's Administrative Cost

R. O. German Answers Question Raised by Vegreville Observer

Below we print an editorial from the Vegreville Observer, a newspaper which was in doubt as to the benefits received by the Alberta Pool farmer through shipment of his grain by the Western route, and R. O. German, Secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool. Mr. German shows that the premiums secured on wheat sold through Vancouver during the past year were more than sufficient to take care of the differential in respect to wheat shipped east, and to cover all the administrative costs of the Alberta Pool.

WHEAT POOL REPORT (Vegreville Observer)

Alberta farmers marketing wheat via the Western route have not received any monetary benefits in their payments from the Wheat Pool. This was disclosed at the annual meeting of the delegates held in Calgary on August 4th-6th. Although the Pool shipped double the quantity of wheat in 1925 as in 1924 through Pacific ports, yet the financial advantage, if any, was kept a secret. If there was a benefit, was that distributed over all contracts, so that the farmer whose grain went East got a pro rata profit with his neighbor whose grain went West? The question is not answered by the Pool directorate. It would seem as if the Eastern outlet is still favored, for although the Western shipments doubled, still the Eastern shipments more than held their own in proportionate gains. What the Pool means to do towards making the Western outlet a real benefit to the Alberta farmer remains an enigma or a surprise packet. Take your choice.

Congratulations are in order to the directorate for the gains made both in the volume of grain sold and the increased acreage and membership over the previous year—45 millions of bushels shipped in 1925 as against 23 millions for 1924. The membership now numbers 36,512 with 60 per cent. of the acreage under contract—an excess of 400,000 acres signed up since last September.

Certain forward steps are made. First, the United Grain Growers will give back to the Pool members a portion of the profits made on handling their grain purely as an elevator concern. Second, negotiations are afoot to secure greater advantages from them for Pool contracts. Third, the coarse grains are likely to be handled in a modified form of Pool whose advantage will be given only to the Wheat Pool members.

The policy of acquiring elevators was further endorsed and a definite assessment of two cents per bushel for this purpose was heartily agreed upon. This

Contracts Now Completed Between Alberta Pool and Practically All Elevator Companies

No Indication That There Will Be Any Difficulty in Carrying Out Terms of the Contract Which Will Affect Pool Members—The Pool and the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association

On September 8th, the following press despatch came through from Winnipeg:

"POOL GRAIN IS NOT ACCEPTED
Northwest Grain Dealers' Association
Presents An Unprecedented
Situation

"WINNIPEG, Sept. 8.—Pool grain is not being accepted by the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association. The organization controls a very considerable majority of country elevators. It is an unprecedented situation, the result of the fight of the big co-operative organization to direct its grain to terminals of its own, no matter through whose country elevator it may be shipped. The final break came when the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association required the Pool to sign an agreement for 12 months concerning the routing of grain. This was to forestall the possible adoption by Parliament at the next session of the Campbell bill, which permits the owner of grain to direct it to whatever terminal he desires. This agreement the Pool refused to sign.

"Elevators, however, being public warehouses, must accept all grain offer-

ed for storage. The Pool will thus continue to get service from the elevators controlled by the old private marketing system, but it will be indirect and complicated. Meantime the Pool executive has already started a campaign for the immediate presentation to Parliament of the measure adopted at the last session, but which died in the senate, which changes the Canada Grain Act in favor of Pool shipments. It is the last big battle between the two conflicting marketing systems, and is expected ultimately to reach the privy council before definitely settled."

The despatch was worded in a way which would make it appear that the Alberta Wheat Pool is involved in the controversy. Alberta Wheat Pool members are advised that each Provincial Pool negotiates its own contract with the grain companies for the handling of the wheat of its members each year. Contracts are now completed between the Alberta Pool and practically all of the grain companies doing business in the Province, and there is no indication that there will be any difficulty in carrying out the terms of the contract which will affect Pool members.

DECLINED ANTI-POOL ADVERTISING AS IT APPEARED THAT PROPAGANDISTS WERE TRYING TO SLIP SOMETHING OVER

"The Big Valley Journal" Became Suspicious When Advertiser Asked That Item Appear Without Advertising Marks

With reference to the advertising propaganda by certain grain trade enemies of the Wheat Pools, which was offered to all country weeklies in the Prairie Provinces recently, with a request that it be used without marks of any kind to indicate that it was an advertisement, "The Big Valley Journal," in a letter to R. O. German, Secretary of the Alberta Pool, wrote as follows:

"We received the plate referred to in the first paragraph of your article but declined to publish same as it appeared to us that the parties concerned were trying to slip something over, especially when they wished it to appear a news item devoid of advertising marks."

assessment is levied on the 1925-1926 crop year.

The Wheat Pool locals of Alberta now number 240, and the fourth annual delegates' conference just held went over stronger than ever.

The conference requested the Board to approach U. F. A. members elected on Sept. 14th to urge them to press the demand for the Campbell Grain Amendment Act, making it possible for a farmer to choose the routing of his grain through terminals of his own choice.

H. W. Wood and last year's directors were re-elected, and it was decided to hold the annual conference on the fourth Wednesday in November of each year. This will allow a full financial statement for the year to be made. The next conference will therefore be held in November, 1927.

MR. GERMAN'S REPLY

The Vegreville Observer,
(Attention Mr. A. L. Horton)

Dear Sir:

In the August 18th issue of your paper we notice an editorial under the heading

"Wheat Pool Report", which is a summary of the operations of our Association during the past year. We are pleased to have you give this report such prominence, but there is one statement in it which we would like to have you correct. It has to do with the monetary benefits which have accrued through routing wheat through Vancouver. Your editorial states that Alberta farmers have not received any monetary benefit from marketing their wheat via the Western route.

The facts are these during the past two years the Pool has based its initial payment on Vancouver freight rates. At most of Alberta points the freight rate to Vancouver is considerably less than to the Head of the Lakes. At Vegreville it amounts to one point two cents per bushel in favor of Vancouver. About half of our wheat last year was shipped East, but the grower was given the benefit of the Vancouver rate, which meant that the Pool absorbed the difference, which in the aggregate amounted to several hundred thousand dollars. The premiums which the Pool

secured on wheat sold through Vancouver during the past year were sufficient to take care of the differential in freight rates and in addition to more than cover the total administrative costs of the Pool. In this way the benefit was pro-rated among all members who shipped wheat to last year's Pool.

The use of the Western route was therefore of material financial benefit to our members last year. As we have now leased the Government Terminal Elevator at Prince Rupert, it is likely that the great per cent. of our wheat will go West this year. There are many conditions which govern the movement of wheat, and these conditions will influence the volume which the Pool moves East or West and will also influence the extent to which premiums will be available on the Pacific Coast.

Will you kindly give this explanation space in your next issue? Thanking you.

Sincerely yours,

The Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited.

R. O. GERMAN,
Secretary.

MEMBER SUED FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

The Alberta Wheat Pool has entered action in the Supreme Court of Alberta against Hartvig Holmberg, of Hardisty, for the recovery of \$1,000 as damages for breach of a contract entered into between the plaintiff and Mr. Holmberg on August 21st, 1923. By the terms of the agreement, the defendant agreed to consign to the plaintiff company for sale, all of the wheat produced or acquired by him in the Province during the years 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. He did not deliver his wheat to the Pool and refused to give an accounting to the Head Office.

The Board of Directors of the Pool, being of the opinion that he had violated his contract, therefore decided to institute action against him as above mentioned.

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

Program of Expansion Contemplated by the Alberta Dairy Pool---Plan to Increase Number of Creameries

Examination of Cream Sheets Shows That Pool Members Are Producers of the Best Quality Product—No. 2 Cream of Pool members in Hot Weather Only Half That of Non-Pool Members

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Dairy Pool, a large delegation from the district west of Red Deer were in attendance in support of their request for a Pool creamery to be erected and operated at Eckville to replace the one recently lost by fire.

Recognizing the abilities of the producers in the Medicine Valley to maintain a steady flow of cream, also their firm conviction that the co-operative principle should be the dominating force behind the new venture, the Board met them in a sympathetic attitude. After a thorough discussion a committee of the Board was appointed, the personnel being chairman, N. S. Clarke and N. S.

Smith, the Director for that district, to work with their committee to complete the arrangements. The Medicine Valley producers, together with those interested in the establishment of a creamery, are working out the program and proceeding with the building and equipment of the factory.

PLAN INCREASED NUMBER OF CREAMERIES

Considering the excellent results already secured by the Pool for the benefit of its members in the way of increased prices, the officials are considering a plan whereby a greatly increased number of creameries will be operating next year. It is thought that

by this plan a very considerable amount of long haul will be eliminated, thus reducing the chances of the producers suffering loss in grades. While it can not be definitely stated how elaborate this plan will be when completed, in all possibility the number of creameries operating next year will be around three times as large as that under contract at the present time.

QUALITY OF POOL CREAM EXCELLENT

Under the system adopted by the Alberta Dairy Pool, those creameries under contract are allowed to buy non-Pool cream as well as receive and manufacture for the Pool. A scrutiny of the cream sheets reveals the fact that the receipts of Pool cream are far above in quality those showing the delivery of non-Pool cream. This confirms the contention of the Board that the better class of dairymen are members of the Pool. During the hot weather of the last three months the percentage of No. 2 cream delivered by Pool members was only about half that delivered by those outside the Pool.

IN MAGNIFICENT RALLY FARMERS SWEEP BACK FORCES OF REACTION

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a decisive way in favor of clean election methods. The defeat of Mr. Cross will be gratifying to all Albertans, except the members of Mr. Cross's personal machine. The U. F. A. has been responsible for the exposure of the corrupt methods employed in the last election by men in charge of the electoral machinery. In the raising of the money necessary to finance the inquiry into the conduct of the election last October, the U. F. A. membership throughout the Province has taken an active part, by contributing to the "Cess" Pool fund in response to an appeal made in the official organ. Great credit is also due to D. M. Kennedy, M.P., in connection with this matter, as it was he, supported by the whole of the Federal group of members, who took the necessary steps at Ottawa to ensure the inquiry being held.

Mr. Kellner's election in Athabasca is a victory for clean politics. He has the advantage of four years' experience at Ottawa, and returns with the hearty good wishes of the membership of the organization.

GARLAND'S VICTORY OVER SLANDEROUS OPPOSITION

In Bow River, E. J. Garland gained a magnificent victory over the forces responsible for a campaign in which falsehood and slander played a leading part. The opponents of the U. F. A., under the direction of certain Conservatives, discovered a candidate who, we must believe, they considered would suit their purpose. The handsome majority for Mr. Garland, totalling, according to the latest figures, in the neighborhood of 2,000, is the reply of the electorate to this challenge. In spite of the unparalleled effort of the opposition to Mr. Garland in the Red Deer Valley, the vote in his favor in this part of the riding, as elsewhere, was much increased. In fact, the speeches of the Conservative nominee proved somewhat of a boomerang; a considerable number of voters whose imagination had been captured by the

idea of a combination against the U. F. A., changed their minds after discovering the character of the campaign which was being carried on. In no other constituency from which we have received reports were such discreditable methods employed as in Bow River, by those who sacrificed every scruple and engaged in the systematic dissemination of falsehood in the hope of defeating the U. F. A. candidate.

GARDINER HAS RECORD IN ACADIA

Complete returns from the Alberta constituencies are not yet to hand, and it may be some days before the totals are all available. It is clear, however, that in Acadia, Robert Gardiner has established a record, polling 6392 votes with only 184 out of 215 polls heard from, as compared with a total of 5362 last October, with all polls reported. His Conservative opponent has received 1857 from polls which have so far reported.

In three constituencies, including the above, it is now certain that the candidates who were in opposition to the U. F. A. will lose their deposits, while there is a possibility of this in two others, Athabasca and Macleod.

The result in Battle River, where H. E. Spencer is elected by a three to one vote, closely resembles that in Acadia, while in Athabasca, it is gratifying to note that Cross's large "majority" of 1925, obtained as the result of election methods which have recently received publicity in the press, has been converted into a minority, and there is a possibility that when all returns are in, Mr. Cross may lose his deposit. Red Deer gave Alfred Speakman more than double the votes of his opponent. Mr. Speakman was sufficiently recovered from his illness to take part in the last few days of the election activities, from the platform.

In Macleod George Coote was notably successful. He not only received a handsome majority over his opponent in the rural areas, but in the Crow's Nest Pass country, where there was a majority of about a thousand votes against him last year, he had a majority in his favor of several hundred.

Under the difficult circumstances prevailing in Medicine Hat, where a large section of the rural area has been depleted by successive crop failures and many farmers were away from their homes for the harvest season, Carl Axelsson made a creditable showing. He carried on a courageous campaign, and undoubtedly polled a much heavier vote than had been anticipated at the beginning of the election activities. The spirit of the U. F. A. is still strong in the constituency, and the fact that there was a candidate in the field stimulated the interest of the membership.

ADSHEAD ELECTED BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

In East Calgary H. B. Adshead, the Labor candidate, who was pledged the support of the U. F. A. at the constituency convention, defeated Fred Davis, the Conservative who held the seat last session, by the very substantial majority of over 1500. Mr. Adshead made an excellent impression during his tour of the rural districts. The Calgary Local, acting in behalf of the East Calgary Constituency Executive, was in charge of the election arrangements in the rural centres. Mr. Adshead received a majority of the votes cast in every poll outside the city, and had a majority in the city as well. Results by constituencies, based on the last returns available, are given below, together with a comparison of the vote polled in 1925. We hope when all returns are in to publish the complete figures:

ALBERTA CONSTITUENCIES

ACADIA

184 out of 215 polls give: Wade, Cons., 1857; Gardiner, U. F. A., 6392.

Last October Gardiner secured 5362; Eaton, Lib., 1552, and Wade, 1,481.

ATHABASCA

122 polls out of 211 in Athabasca give: Cross, Lib., 1960; Kellner, U. F. A., 3589.

At the last election the vote in Athabasca was, Cross, 5078, Kellner 3648; Gauvreau, Cons., 643.

BATTLE RIVER

142 polls out of 164 in Battle River give: Morrison, Cons., 1716; Spencer, U. F. A., 5015.

The vote in Battle River in 1925 was Spencer 5067; Morrison, 1634, and Lee, Lib., 1690.

BOW RIVER

99 polls out of 106 in Bow River give: Scratch, Cons., 2994; Garland, U. F. A., 4987.

E. J. Garland was given 3773 votes last October to 2917 for Gouge, Liberal, and 2075 to W. J. Douglas, Cons.

CALGARY EAST

Complete returns give: Adshead, Labor, 6918; Davis, Cons., 5374; Guy, Ind., 176.

In the last election Davis got 5560; Irvine, Lab., 3710 and W. M. Davidson, Lib., 2519.

CALGARY WEST

Complete returns give: Bennett, Cons., 8867, and Lunney, Lib., 6439.

Bennett received 10,256 to 6040 for Capt. J. T. Shaw, Ind., in the last election.

Colossal Wheat Acreage of George Lane and Co., Ltd. Signed up in Alberta Pool

**Largest Acreage Under Single Contract Brought Into Alberta
Pool This Week—Total of 320 Members Signed Up in Pool
Since August 1st**

The largest acreage covered by a single contract which has been signed up in the Alberta Wheat Pool since its formation in 1923, was brought in during the present week when the immense wheat lands of George Lane and Company, Ltd., were signed up. The transaction was carried out in behalf of the company by Hon. A. J. McLean, manager. The contract includes the extensive acreage of the company at Namaka, and also the very large holdings at Bassano, Champion and High River.

That the Wheat Pool is now regarded by the large wheat growers as the most satisfactory channel through which their wheat can be marketed, is demonstrated in a striking manner by the signing up of this colossal contract. Every week now witnesses substantial increases in both membership and acreage, the period since August 1st constituting a record for the year. In that period approximately 320 new members have been signed up in the Pool.

Dominion Election Results in 1925 and 1926 ---A Comparison of the Strength of Groups in the Old and New Parliaments

	Lib.		Cons.		Prog.		Lib.-Prog.		U.F.O.		U.F.A.		Lab.		Ind.		Total
	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	
P. E. Island	2	3	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4
Nova Scotia	3	2	11	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14
New Brunswick	1	4	10	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11
Quebec	60	60	4	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	65
Ontario	12	25	68	53	1	1	--	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	82
Manitoba	1	4	7	--	7	4	--	7	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	17
Saskatchewan	15	17	--	--	6	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21
Alberta	4	3	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	11	--	1	--	--	16
British Columbia	3	1	10	12	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	14
Yukon	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Total	101	119	116	91	15	7	--	11	1	1	9	11	2	3	1	2	245

The table above shows the strength of groups as at election of October, 1925. The position has been unchanged by by-elections.

CAMROSE

166 polls out of 176 in Camrose give: McIvor, Lib., 3531; Lucas, U. F. A., 4982. In 1925 the vote in Camrose was: Lucas, 4202; Thomas, Lib., 1885; Scott, Cons., 1409.

EDMONTON EAST

102 out of 103 give: Blatchford, Lib., 4973; Lakeman, Lab., 2001; Bury, Cons., 4864. In 1925, A. U. G. Bury got 3927; McLennan, Lib., 3440, and Latham, Lab., 2767.

EDMONTON WEST

110 polls give: Stewart, Lib., 6800; Jamieson, Cons., 5566. The vote last October in Edmonton West was: Stewart 6394; Douglas, Cons., 4706; East, Labor-U. F. A., 2007.

LETHBRIDGE

92 out of 98 give: Hogg, Cons., 3418; Jelliff, U. F. A., 5105. Jelliff, in 1925, got 5399, and Dr. Stewart, Cons., 4656.

MACLEOD

173 out of 178 give: Herron, Cons., 3469; Coote, U. F. A., 6691. The vote in 1925 in Macleod was: Coote, 4943; Herron, 4239 and Milnes, Lib., 1941.

MEDICINE HAT

112 out of 133 give: Blackstock, Cons., 2120; Gershaw, Lib., 3956; Axelson, U. F. A., 1858.

Last October's vote in Medicine Hat was: Gershaw, 4383; Blackstock, 2397, and McDaniel, U. F. A., 2069.

PEACE RIVER

160 polls out of 252 in Peace River give: Collins, Cons., 3657; Clarke, Lib., 2206; Kennedy, U. F. A., 4516.

In the last election Peace River went: Kennedy 3986; Collins, 3969; and Rae, Lib., 3944.

RED DEER

148 out of 159 give: La France, Cons., 2160; Speakman, U. F. A., 5495. Speakman, in 1925, got 3851; McKerscher, Lib., 2492, and La France, 2029.

VEGREVILLE

85 out of 88 give: McCallum, Lib., 3276; Luchkovich, U. F. A., 4148.

The result in Vegreville last October was: Boutillier, U. F. A., 5103; Gordon, Lib., 2643.

WETASKIWIN

170 out of 200 give: Russell, Cons., 2122; Tobin, Lib., 2900; Irvine, U. F. A., 3396.

The vote last year in Wetaskiwin gave Tobin 3429; Warner, U. F. A., 3201, and Russell, Cons., 2121.

Adshead Thanks East Calgary Farmers for Their Support

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

The farmer electors stood nobly by the Labor candidate of East Calgary, and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for their splendid support. I deem it not so much a personal tribute (though I do not underestimate that) as I do an expression of support and approval of the policy of co-operation to secure fair representation of both groups at Ottawa. It was a re-assertion of their opposition to special privilege and a demand for free markets.

I have letters from farmers who could not attend any meetings, but heard the radio message. "Those who have heard and seen have believed, but blessed are those who have believed but have not seen." May you never have cause to regret your trust, and I sincerely hope I shall never do anything that will cause you to be ashamed of your choice.

For myself I feel the responsibility and know that the real fight has only just commenced and I shall be delighted to be shoulder to shoulder with such men as Woodsworth, Garland, Coote and others, and Kipling's words of "Lest we forget", are present in my mind.

I shall be pleased to accept any invitation to your Local meetings whenever I can, to discuss matters between elections when we can consider them calmly and

deliberately without the excitement of election meetings. Again I thank you. H. B. ADSHEAD.

Calgary, Sept. 15th.

ELECTION EXPENSES IN STETTLE ONLY \$111.18

The election of A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., to the Provincial Legislature in June, cost the Stettler Constituency Association the sum of \$111.18. For printing \$23.83 was spent; for stationery and stamps, \$3.40; for hire of halls, \$40; telephone, \$10.95; official agent, \$18; committee room, \$15.

Reaching Higher Plane in Politics

"It must be strikingly noticeable what a small amount of money was spent," writes J. A. Adshead, official agent of Mr. Sanders. "It is a clear demonstration that elections can be won without a large expenditure of money, and a refutation of that damnable proposition that money speaks, money counts, money wins. That proposition may be true to some extent in the old party system of elections. . . . When elections can be won on their merits, with a natural appeal for some substantial value, and the willingness of the electors to give some time and some work without the expectation of any monetary remuneration, then we are arriving at a higher plane in our politics, and this Provincial election, in that respect, was a triumph of achievement."

CLARESHOLM ELECTION EXPENSES TOTALLED \$116.50

The campaign expenses incurred in the election of Gordon B. Walker, U. F. A. candidate in Clareholm constituency, in June last, totalled \$116.50, according to the statement of R. A. McLeod, official agent. This amount included \$30.55 personal expenses, \$10.45 phones, \$20.50 printing, and \$55 hall rent.

YUMA LOCAL ORGANIZED

Yuma Local was organized in the Bel- his district, Whitford constituency, recently. M. Loldnsky and Efrem Maxim are the officers.

"The U.F.A." Prize Contest for Best Article on Co-operative Store

Contest Open to All Members of the Alberta Co-operative League—
Have You Entered for the \$25 Prize?

Story of Wetaskiwin Co-operative Assn.

By A. P. MOAN

June 1st, 1918, is an important date in the history of the Wetaskiwin U.F.A. Co-operative Association, Ltd., for on that date the door of their business institution swung open for the first time. It is perhaps hardly accurate to say it swung open for business, for there were no goods in the store; no furniture or fixtures and consequently no customers. Its modest bank credit of \$125, which was obtained by the sale of shares, was straightway reduced by the sum of \$35 for one month's rent in advance, and the balance on hand was expended very carefully in necessary equipment.

NOTHING IMPOSING ABOUT THE BEGINNING

The business for the first few weeks was confined to livestock shipping, so it can readily be seen there was nothing large or imposing about the business at the outset, with the possible exception of the name, by which it is now commonly called, "The U. F. A. Store". Moreover as there was a co-operative failure in the district a few years previous, and as the ghost of the defunct institution still haunted the district, there was nothing very enticing or promising about the capital stock of the new company as a profitable investment. But it possessed one valuable asset, which not only carried it through its first year of perilous existence, but has since carried it on most successfully. That asset was and is the good will of the U. F. A. members and the more progressive people of the district. It was more than that, it was the determination of the people of the district to prove that co-operation as applied to business could be and would be made a practical success in the Wetaskiwin district.

VALUE OF INTANGIBLE ASSET PROVED

And it was not long before the directors of the store realized how valuable this intangible asset really was, as assistance was never more urgently needed and never more greatly appreciated than in their first experience in the retail business, the disposal of the first car of twine.

The car of twine was rolling to its destination in the latter part of July when a most destructive frost struck the district, which experience had never been known before and fortunately never since. For the next few days every telephone ring carried the same message, "Cancel my twine order. I won't need any this year." But that was not all. Our twine was contracted with exchange payable on New York, and the discount on Canadian money at that time just cost us \$1 more on every 100 lbs. of twine than our competitor and we were forced to sell \$1 a hundred higher, another situation we have never since experienced.

A very heavy rain followed the frost,

and though there was no threshing we sold all our twine. It was a very poor introduction to a co-operative retail business and scarcely a day passed but we were reminded by some intensely practical farmer of our unfortunate situation. "What's the use of having a co-operative store and charging \$1 more for twine?" was often asked, and then the dumbfounding but entirely logical sequence: "Surely \$27 is enough to pay for twine without paying you fellows a dollar more, and besides I got no grain to thresh anyway." It was a day of rejoicing when the last bale of twine went out the door on its mission to the harvest fields.

TWELVE MONTHS SHOWS CONSIDERABLE GROWTH

The directors were called upon to establish a bank credit to release the car of twine, and they now decided to put in a stock of groceries as well as other supplies needed owing to the crop failure. In twelve months' time the business had grown to considerable proportions, and the first building was entirely too small to accommodate the business. A large two-storey brick building was offered at a sacrifice price of \$10,000 and a directors' meeting was called. The bank loan was then \$6,000 and a deposit of \$3,000 was required on purchase price. Nothing daunted the bank manager was called in and asked for another loan of \$3,000, to which he readily agreed, and the deal was made.

The directors now felt, and rightly so, that the main objective in the next few years would be to wipe out those liabilities and relieve them of the guarantee. A campaign was instituted to sell shares and met with good success. Eight per cent. interest on paid-up shares was always paid in cash from the first year of the existence of the Association. Pat-

ronage dividends from 2 to 4 per cent. were always allowed at the end of every business year. For the first three years they were credited as capital stock; after that they were paid in cash. Besides these payments there was a substantial reduction in the liabilities every year of from two to three thousand dollars, even though the years 1921 and 1922 were the most disastrous that the commercial life of the country has ever experienced.

RETAIL SALES OVER \$138,000 IN 1925

The merchandise retail sales for the year 1925 were over \$138,000, while livestock sales and other activities were considerably in excess of this figure. A patronage dividend of 3 per cent. in cash was paid in 1925; and 8 per cent. interest allowed on the capital stock which now amounts to over \$13,000. In the month of February this year over \$3,000 in cash was paid out to shareholders as interest and patronage dividend for 1925. The bank loan at the end of the year stood at \$1,000, and the Association has now a clear title to the land and buildings that they occupy.

COMMUNITY AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL CENTRE

The upper storey in the building consists of a hall and rest room, and is used for the shareholders' meetings and any other meetings called by the farmers, and the hall is used as well for public dances, all of which help to make the U. F. A. store a community centre as well as a commercial centre for the farming district.

This large brick building stands in Wetaskiwin today as a material and tangible evidence of the enterprising, progressive and co-operative spirit of the farmers of the district, and in the great future field of co-operative endeavor in this Province; in organizing the individual stores for their mutual advantage; in assisting weaker units and establishing new ones and thereby securing for the people of the Province the material and moral benefits of co-operation in the fullest degree; in this great work I venture to say that the shareholders and directors of the Wetaskiwin U. F. A. store will willingly do their utmost to further this great cause, and will assume all obligations and responsibilities that may be placed upon them.

Some Points of Similarity and Some of Difference Between Producers' and Consumers' Co-operatives

In Consumer Co-operation, the Rochdale Plan Is Proved By Experience of Eighty Years and Still Grows in Popularity—Is Founded On Sound Economic Principles

By HERBERT SPENCER, President, Edgerton Co-operative Association, Ltd.

As Producers' and Consumers' Co-operatives are developing rapidly in Alberta, it might be of interest to compare the points of similarity and dissimilarity between the two activities.

The first step our Producers' Co-operative takes is to bind the producing ability of every one of its members for a given number of years. If the Consumers' Co-operative could bind the consuming ability of its members along the lines it deals in, such as groceries, dry goods, hardware and oils, the problem of financing its business would be solved,

for any house would be only too ready to lend on easy rates with such security.

Another point of dissimilarity is that our Producers' Co-operative do not ask for one cent from the members at the time of signing the contract, and the fee when deducted from the proceeds of their produce is only a very nominal amount. This system if it could be worked in a Consumers' Co-operative would simplify this difficulty.

Then in the matter of reserves, our Producers' Co-operative deduct the amount they wish to retain from the

amount standing to the credit of the member before paying the member. If the Consumers' Co-operative could add to the cost of the goods the amount they wished to retain for reserve before passing the goods over the counter, it would again simplify their problem, but the nature of the business does not permit of this.

There are those who adversely criticize the Consumers' Co-operative as not being truly co-operative, but the plan generally followed in Alberta is the Rochdale plan, a system that has been tried for over eighty years and which grows in popularity as the years roll by because it is founded on sound economic principles. It is not out of place to quote them here: (a) a fixed rate on capital invested, (b) after paying all expenses an adequate amount to be placed to reserve, (c) the surplus to be returned to the patrons in proportion to their patronage. These principles are followed by both Producers' and Consumers' Co-operatives and are the points of similarity.

At the Co-operative Congress held in Edmonton recently, a visitor from Illinois said that that State was strewn with the wreckage of co-operative stores founded on unsound principles, but that there were now about eighty thriving stores there and all founded on the Rochdale system.

The great co-operative wholesale system of England last year purchased \$625,000,000 worth of goods. They are the greatest importers of tea in the world, and this gigantic institution has been built out of units such as we have scattered throughout the Province of Alberta. This great business developed slowly and surely, being built up bit by bit by these separate units uniting their activities and we hope in time to build up from our own units a "Co-operative Wholesale for Canada" and give permanence to the present cordial relations. The machinery is here, in the form of our units, our Provincial League and our "Co-operative Union of Canada", all it needs is adjusting and putting to work.

Expenses of the 1925 Election \$8746.82 in 12 Ridings

Spent Less in Twelve Federal Ridings
Than R. B. Bennett in Single
Constituency of West Calgary
—Elected Nine Members

The campaign expenses of the twelve Alberta constituencies in which U. F. A. candidates were nominated, and nine elected, in the 1925 Federal election, amounted to \$8,746.82 in all, as given below. It is of interest to note that this total is less than the admitted expenses of R. B. Bennett in the constituency of West Calgary. The expenses of Mr. Bennett were admitted to be in excess of \$10,000.

Acadia	\$ 496.73
Athabasca	827.88
Battle River	330.80
Bow River	1,140.02
Camrose	579.30
Lethbridge	943.91
Macleod	839.89
Medicine Hat	437.84
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Red Deer	300.00
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Wetaskiwin	818.98

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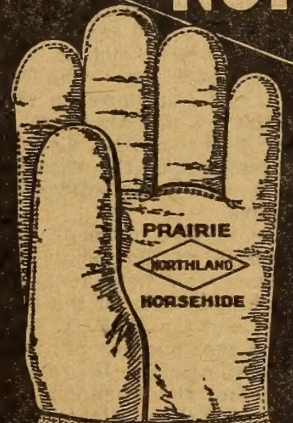
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	\$298.65

The above are the Election Expenses of J. A. Delisle, a candidate at the Provincial Election for Beaver River, held the 28th day of June, 1926.

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U.F.A. Members Acted in Accordance With Premier's Request

In Refraining From Raising Purely Political Disturbance Federal Group Carried Out Brownlee's Wishes

In order that our membership throughout the Province may be fully informed as to the complete co-operation between the Alberta Government and the U. F. A. members at Ottawa, who refrained from raising a purely political disturbance upon the subject of the natural resources when the Davis motion (which would have brought the restoration of the resources no nearer) was under discussion, we print below a portion of the speech by Premier Brownlee at a meeting at Swallow on September 11th, in support of E. J. Garland. In Bow River, it will be remembered, the Bennett forces obtained the services of a man who had not formerly been associated with the Conservatives, as their tool in a determined attack upon the U. F. A. movement of the constituency. Mr. Bennett was quoted during the election activities as having said that he agreed with Mr. Brownlee's stand on the resources.

PURELY POLITICAL MOTION

In his speech Mr. Brownlee declared: "Mr. Garland and the Alberta members, in refraining from raising a purely political disturbance in the House of Commons which might but serve to endanger the transfer of the resources—the Davis amendment—were acting according to my expressed wishes. The Davis amendment, which was purely a vote of want of confidence, and therefore not calculated to lead to a calm, disinterested and fair discussion of the natural resources question, was, in my opinion, such a political move.

"Prior to the commencement of the last session of the Dominion House, a conference was held at Edmonton between the members of the U. F. A. Government and the U. F. A. Federal members for the purpose of discussing all matters of common interest that might come before the Dominion Government, in order that there might be co-operation and unity of effort. That was followed by a conference at Ottawa, and I am able to say that in all matters we had before the Dominion Government we had the complete support and co-operation of the Alberta U. F. A. members.

"Referring particularly to the natural resources question, I was in constant communication with the Alberta U. F. A. members, including Mr. Garland, and I am prepared to say that the U. F. A. members, including Mr. Garland, from first to last acted in complete harmony with what I conceived to be the best interests of the Province."

THE INSINUATION OF R. B. BENNETT

Referring to the insinuation of R. B. Bennett, who went into Bow River to support the so-called "Independent," that Mr. Brownlee would not speak for Mr. Garland on account of Mr. Garland's presumed attitude on the natural resources, the Premier said: "I am here today at some inconvenience to place without reserve my support with Mr. Garland. That in itself should be a complete answer to the insinuations of Mr. Bennett."

Mr. Brownlee said he understood that "the independent candidate, whose independence is vouched for and certified to by Mr. Bennett and Mr. McGillivray," had repeatedly stated that the Alberta Government did not receive the support of the U. F. A. members on this important question. He read statements from the Conservative nominee's election card sanctioned by the candidate, and bearing his photograph on the card, and added: "I wish to take this opportunity to say as emphatically as I can, that there is not a tittle of truth in these statements."

GREAT VALUE OF INDEPENDENT GROUP

In conclusion, Premier Brownlee said: "You can make a contribution to higher political thinking in Canada by electing U. F. A. representatives. You can get a higher type of member to do your business by promoting independence of thought and action. The party system not only does not encourage such independence of thought and action, but by every effort strives to destroy these qualities. You can insure a higher standard of political morality by electing members of the U. F. A. like Mr. Garland. The part played by the independent members in the House, especially by those from the Province of Alberta, has proven to me the extreme value of having a group of U. F. A. members prepared at all times to co-operate with your Provincial Government in securing those matters in which this Province is interested."

In dealing with the relations of the U. F. A. members with the Progressive members, Mr. Brownlee inferred that these groups were not similar, except that in matters of legislation there was, in many respects, a common point of view.

IRISH FARMERS URGED TO ADOPT CANADIAN POOL SYSTEM

The Irish Times, published in Dublin, in the issue of August 19th, has a review of the Western Canadian Wheat Pools, which it refers to as a "grand organization." The article states that in view of the fact that Irish farmers are being urged to adopt the principle of organized marketing, it is interesting to note that the farmers of Western Canada in less than three years have established the largest co-operative organization of its kind in the world.

NEW LOCAL IN ATHABASCA

A new Local near Plamondon, in Athabasca constituency, was organized on August 30th, at a meeting at the home of E. Richard, by Jacob J. Schaub and Henry Boulanger. The meeting elected Mr. Schaub as president and Wallace Horsford as secretary.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION FUND NOW TOTALS \$5,802.45

From August 30th to September 15th, the following contributions to the Provincial general election fund were received:

Handhills Prov. C. A.	\$50.00
Sion U. F. A.	2.00
Enchant U. F. A.	10.00
Lake Saskatoon U. F. A.	5.00
Victoria Prov. C. A.	20.00
Lamont U. F. W. A.	10.00

This brings the fund up to **\$5,802.45.**

Pincher Co-op. Favors Cross Contract With the Livestock Pool

Report of Director Shows Turnover of \$290,225 for Past Year

The annual meeting of the Pincher Creek Co-operative Association, held in Pincher Creek on August 5th, passed a resolution instructing the board to sign a cross-contract with the Alberta Livestock Pool, if, after careful consideration, they deemed it advisable to do so. This course was taken after an address by A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., describing what had been accomplished by the Livestock Pool, and strongly advocating that the various Local associations get together and make the Provincial Pool a greater success.

The Directors' report showed that the turnover for the year had been 290,225, and that the cost of doing business had been 4.13 per cent. Storage accommodation had been provided for approximately one thousand tons of hay, by the building of two metal warehouses at a cost of \$8,028. Scales had been purchased at Pincher Creek, and at Brocket, at a total cost of \$950. The building now occupied as an office was also purchased, at a cost of \$400.

The report of the Secretary showed that the membership was 354, as compared with 336 last year.

The following were elected as directors: E. G. Cook, S. Lunn, H. C. Smith, A. H. Lynch-Staunton, L. C. Bonertz, H. Schultz and J. Hescott. Provision was made for the addition of two more directors, to represent the Cowley and North Fork districts, as soon as the membership in these districts increases sufficiently.

McCAFFERTY U. F. A. HOLDS SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

An excellent attendance and an exceedingly good program contributed to the success of the annual concert organized by the McCafferty U. F. A. and U. F. W. A., held in the school house on July 21st.

Herbert Spencer and W. Hayes were in charge of the arrangements, and the following artists are deserving of mention: Mr. Richardson, a blind pianist from Chicago; Mrs. Holmquist (contralto); Miss Nellie Pawsey (comedianne); W. Hayes (tenor); the Misses Hawkins (duets and trios); Mrs. W. Kelly (soprano); Mrs. O. Dempsey (soprano); Mrs. J. Wynn (recitations).

Supper was served by the U.F.W.A., followed by a successful dance, the Thomas orchestra providing the music.

P. A. D.

U. F. A. PRINCIPLES STAND THE TEST OF PRACTICE

The recently organized Grouard U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association adopted a resolution at the organization convention, to the effect that in view of the growing strength of the United Farmers of Alberta and of the fact that the test of experience had proved that the movement was founded upon a sound workable basis, the principle of economic group organization be affirmed, and that co-operation be sought with other organizations based upon the same principles as our own.



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Montreal—Oct. 1—	S.S. Montclare	to	Liverpool
Montreal—Oct. 6—	S.S. Melita	to	Cherbourg, Southampton, Antwerp
Quebec—Oct. 6—	S.S. Empress of Scotland	to	Cherbourg, Southampton
Montreal—Oct. 7—	S.S. Metagama	to	Belfast, Glasgow
Quebec—Oct. 8—	S.S. Montroyal	to	Liverpool
Montreal—Oct. 15—	S.S. Montrose	to	Liverpool
Montreal—Oct. 20—	S.S. Minnedosa	to	Cherbourg, Southampton, Antwerp
Quebec—Oct. 21—	S.S. Montclairn	to	Belfast, Glasgow
Montreal—Oct. 22—	S.S. Montcalm	to	Liverpool
Quebec—Oct. 27—	S.S. Empress of France	to	Cherbourg, Southampton
Montreal—Oct. 29—	S.S. Montclare	to	Liverpool
Montreal—Nov. 3—	S.S. Melita	to	Cherbourg, Southampton, Antwerp
Quebec—Nov. 5—	S.S. Montroyal	to	Liverpool
Montreal—Nov. 12—	S.S. Metagama	to	Liverpool
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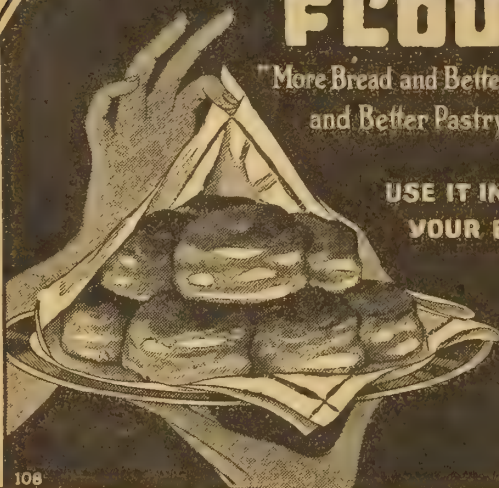
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Will You Help Make Alberta Beautiful, More Fruitful and More Healthful?

How We Can Make Our Province a More
Home-Like Place to Live In

By JOHN GLAMBECK

If you ask the majority of those farmers who have never made any attempt at tree-planting or beautifying their home surroundings why they have not done so, they will invariably tell you that they have never considered it as a fit place to spend their remaining days in, but just as soon as they have made a stake and could get away they would move to some better climate.

AFTER FIFTEEN OR
TWENTY YEARS

After fifteen or twenty years' residence, however, the great majority have either failed to make that stake or they have got so used to the country, they feel quite satisfied to remain, and they are now sorry that they have neglected to plant trees, shrubs and flowers around their homes.

It is better late than never, and even though there may not be so many years in which to enjoy these things, your children and grandchildren will bless you for every tree you have planted. We can all admit that there are many difficulties to overcome in tree-planting; there are failures and disappointments in the work of changing the treeless prairie into groves of shelter and fruit trees. But persistency will overcome these failures and the success, when it does come, is so much sweeter.

One day, not long ago, my wife said to me: "John, if you had put in so much work along this tree-planting line in California, British Columbia or some other more favorable place, you would have had a small garden of Eden today."

NO JOY IN DOING
WHAT IS EASY

Now, while this may be true, there is no real joy in doing something so easy that everybody can do it, so that all you have to do is to plant any old thing, any old way and time and it will grow. Being a born fighter, I like to fight against great obstacles; like to prove that things can be done which most everybody claimed were impossible. Then in the fruit growing countries you have a hard job to profitably dispose of anything that you can't eat yourself, and the fruit growers in most places, unless where they have well organized selling associations, are not sleeping on a bed of roses.

CAN GROW YOUR
OWN FRUIT

In Alberta you don't have to depend on fruit growing for a living, but, at the same time, when you are making your living grain growing, cattle or dairy farming if you can grow your own fruit, it is an immense advantage and if you do have anything to sell you always have a good home market for it.

When, in the first part of July, I go out into my garden and pick a meal of fine, juicy strawberries, I feel that I have accomplished something that even the C. P. R. officials claimed could not be done. As a matter of fact, when I first set out tame strawberry plants, I was

told by a C. P. R. man that I was foolish; he had been in the country since the time the main line was built and seen strawberry planting tried by the company and given up as a bad job. A few years ago when Grant Hall and other C. P. R. officials went through here on a railroad inspection trip, they stopped at my place just when the berry season was on, and Mr. Hall smiled when I told him that I had done something which even the mighty C. P. R. could not do.

HAVE ONLY MADE A BEGINNING

When I go into my grove the last part of August, and pick ripe plums and apples, I feel again that I have accomplished something which most of my neighbors, a few years ago, claimed was impossible to do. It is true that many of the plums, apples, etc., we now grow on the prairie are inferior to those fruits coming from the real fruit growing countries; but just wait, we have only made a beginning and there are great possibilities ahead of us. There are hundreds of men both in Western Canada and in the northwestern prairie States who are devoting their spare time, and some all of their time, to find out what we can grow under our climatic conditions.

VALUE OF SHELTER BELT

When I first began planting fruit trees, I was so determined to be successful that I only planted the very hardiest sorts warranted to grow most anywhere south of the Arctic Circle. Consequently, some of these fruits would be small and of tart taste. I remember eating some of the sandcherries first planted; they were so sour that they would almost make the water run down your cheeks. Since then I have found that you can grow, inside a good shelter belt, bigger and better tasting apples and plums, just as easily as the inferior kind. As mentioned, there are many men working along the line of finding out the right kind of trees, shrubs and flowers best adapted to stand our climate and condition. The late A. Stevenson, of Morden, Manitoba, did a great work along this line; there are some very capable men at some of the governmental experimental stations at Ottawa, Indian Head, Lethbridge and Lacombe; there are nurserymen such as W. J. Boughen in northern Manitoba, doing good work. But the man who has done more than anyone else to make it possible for the prairie farmer in the northwest to grow his own fruits, is N. E. Hansen, professor of horticulture, Brookings, S. Dakota. This man has devoted 30 years experimenting with hardy fruit trees, flowers, etc., and during that time made nine trips into northern Canada, Siberia, Mongolia and other northern countries, in search of hardy fruits which would stand the severe climatic conditions of the northwest.

He has cross-bred the lowly sandcherry with Luther Burbank's famous \$3000 gold plum and produced the Opata plum, the Sapa and the Tom Thumb cherry have likewise been produced. These plums will grow and bear fruit, usually beginning to bear one year after planting, anywhere on the Canadian prairie inside a shelter belt.

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Alberta farmers wishing to start a few fruit trees should be very careful to get trees which such men as Professor Hansen has spent a lifetime in proving will stand our climate, and not order trees that look fine in the agents' order book, but will not stand our climate. Some years ago I was badly taken in that way myself. An agent sold me \$25 worth of fine pictured apple and plum trees, all shipped in from the States. The trees were very large and looked fine when I received them, but not a single one proved any good.

Alberta farmers who really desire to surround their homes with shelter, small and big fruit trees, should not forget that there are a large number of shrubs and perennial flowers quite hardy here. Lilacs of several varieties, spirea, snowball, honeysuckle do well. Tulips, crocuses, peonies, gladiolas, irises are all hardy. Tulips, crocuses, and peonies should be planted in the fall.

In short, if you have made up your mind to stay in Alberta, help to make it fruitful, beautiful and healthful. You can do that by making a start at your own home surroundings.

EDITORIAL

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ing to regain its lost supremacy. So long as Parliament is divided into two main parties, each of which as a matter of political principle constantly wars against the other, while smaller groups are seeking to introduce the new principle of co-operation in place of party competition, the acceptance of office in the cabinet of one of the parties by a member of an Independent group would constitute a real danger to the movement he represented. We do not believe that such a situation will ever arise, but the abrogation of the present rule might on occasion place a member of an Independent group in an invidious position. It would seem to be desirable that the electorate should be given an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of the action of any member who might enter the cabinet of a political party.

The adoption of the U. F. A. resolution, to the effect that no Prime Minister shall advise a dissolution without first obtaining the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons, will make for Parliamentary stability. The resolution should command the support of a majority of the House. It will free the members of the House from the threat of dissolution which has hitherto been used as a means of whipping them into line in support of legislation of which they may disapprove. It will bring to Canada the only kind of stable Government which can prove to the advantage of the citizens.

The Alberta farmers have shown that their resolution cannot be shaken even by the calling of annual elections in the middle of harvest. The swing of the pendulum affects only the political parties. In view of the proved stability of the U. F. A. movement, dissolution may be less frequent in future.

THE MANDATE TO THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT

The people of Alberta have given an unmistakable mandate to the Alberta Government to eliminate the old party

system in the conduct of affairs in the Provincial Legislature. The Alberta Legislature might gain in efficiency if it were organized in somewhat similar fashion to a large county council, due allowance being made for certain differences in the functions of the two forms of legislative body. We believe that the people of Alberta desire the party system to be buried for all time. By getting rid of the signs and symbols and practices which have always been associated with this system the new Legislature will be carrying out the people's mandate. The more thorough and complete the departure from old methods in the new Legislature, the greater will be the satisfaction of the people of the Province.

SETTING HOT PACE IN CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

The following paragraph appears in a letter which came to hand recently from Mr. Rolla G. Williams, of the Missouri Farmers' Association, Inc., Columbia, Missouri, to R. O. German, secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool:

"I received your letter of August 23rd and read it with much interest. You people are surely setting a hot pace in the co-operative marketing of wheat. We wish you all success possible."

North Dakota Pool Makes Gains

In a statement issued to the press, A. J. Scott, secretary of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association, has given out some interesting views in connection with that organization. Mr. Scott's statement is given in full.

"The North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association handled approximately four million bushels of wheat in its Pool last year. This was somewhat of a gain over the year 1924 when we take into consideration the fact that we had twenty-four million bushels less wheat grown in the State for the year 1925.

"The Association has been operating under a decided handicap, due to the fact that it has not in the past had elevator facilities, and due partly to the distressful period through which the business men and bankers of the State have gone, caused by the deflation of all farm property values.

COARSE GRAINS AS WELL AS WHEAT

"In addition to the wheat handled, there were approximately a half million bushels of coarse grains handled for members of the Association. Results were very satisfactory to the members, who in addition to the local market price also secured the spread between that and the terminal markets on coarse grains.

"We believe that with our greatly increased membership, continued growth and favorable public attitude towards co-operative marketing, that we will secure ten million bushels of wheat in the Pool this year, and this in the face of an apparent half-crop as compared with last year.

"Another thing that is to be taken into consideration this year, is that we have sixteen elevators scattered at different points in the good crop section. This will surely aid materially to increase our bushelage. We find that we have

secured from eight to as high as twelve times as much wheat as we did from some of these places in 1925, and the delivery season has just begun. If it had been possible for the Association to have established more elevators, I believe that we would have controlled the wheat produced in the good crop section this year, at least, the way the members are delivering to these elevators is indicative of this fact.

JUST COMING INTO ITS OWN

"I might mention further that co-operative marketing is really just coming into its own in North Dakota. We find that extensive farmers are signing contracts and are becoming members of the Association. We find further that the general attitude of newspapers, business men and farmers throughout the State is strongly in favor of co-operative marketing, for they now realize the possibilities of controlling and therefore securing a higher level of prices for the special hard spring wheat produced in the State.

"We also find that the newspapers, business interests, and farmers in Montana, in which State we are now actively organizing, are giving us wonderful support, for they too realize the benefits that can be obtained by applying proper merchandising methods to the marketing of their product through an established organization such as the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association."

Co-operative Farm Organizations are Increasing in U.S.A.

Co-operative farm associations have doubled in number in the United States since 1915. A survey of co-operative farm associations, made in 1915, by the United States Department of Agriculture, showed that there were then about 6,000 in existence. A survey of the same field, recently completed by the same Government department, shows that there are now over 12,000 active co-operative farm associations. Concerning this survey the Department of Agriculture says:

"The associations include those selling farm products, buying farm supplies, operating creameries, cheese factories, canning plants, grain elevators, stockyards, warehouses, or rendering some one or more of the essential services connected with the conduct of farmers' enterprises. The figures do not include farmers' co-operative banks, credit associations, or insurance companies.

FIFTY-FOUR ARE FEDERATIONS

"Fifty-four of the associations listed are federations with local units, 49 are sales agencies operating in central markets, 35 are bargaining associations, and 98 are large-scale organizations of the centralized type. Of the total number of associations listed by the department, 3,325 are primarily engaged in marketing grain, 2,197 handle dairy products, 1,770 ship livestock, 1,250 market fruits and vegetables, 121 perform various functions in the marketing of cotton, 91 in marketing wool, 71 in marketing poultry or poultry products, and 24 in marketing tobacco.

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